

The Turtle Sits and Waits

What does the turtle see?

The world's wetlands disappearing.

Reducing in size and hope

For a day when erosion stops.

The turtle sits and waits.

What does the heron think?

Will there be a final day?

For the coast's existence

And a day when I have no home.

The heron sits and waits.

What does the gator ask?

To what will my life lead?

Where will my home and the banks

On which I warm my hide go?

The gator sits and waits.

What does the duckling know?

That the place he calls his home

Is affected every second.

Will it one day be no more?

The duckling sits and waits.

How does the muskrat feel?

He feels as if there is a chance

To save the Earth's wetlands.

From both natural and human influences.

The muskrat sits and waits.

What do the people do?

Help prevent this drastic change

So their hearts belong to the wetlands.

They have a strong will to save and restore.

The people find ways to help.

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